

## Majority Rule Amendment

Among the thirty-eight measures, which will appear on the official ballot to be voted on by the electorate of Oregon at the coming election on November 5th, will be the majority rule amendment. This is an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Oregon so as to require a majority of all electors voting at any election to adopt constitutional amendment and pass initiative measures.

This measure is proposed for the express purpose of preserving the Initiative Law for the people of Oregon by preventing its over-use by its friends and by preventing its abuse and possibly its repeal by its enemies.

It scarcely admits of argument that the Initiative Law as originally intended by its sponsors, is a most worthy measure. But we find it today "working overtime" in Oregon. We find it being grossly abused and perverted—turned from the purpose for which it was originally intended, namely, to be a powerful weapon in the hands of the people with which to get important and necessary legislation after the same had been neglected or refused by the State Legislature. Governor Woodrow Wilson says: It is to be regarded as a "gun behind the door"—to be used only when the people's representatives fail to represent them.

After its eight years of use and abuse we find that it is fast pushing the Legislature into a subordinate and secondary place. Beginning with a few measures and a comparatively small official pamphlet, it has grown until today there are 38 measures to be voted upon, and an official pamphlet containing over 250 pages for the voters of Oregon to grope through in order to arrive at anything like an intelligent conclusion in regard to the proposed measures.

What percentage of the voters will take the trouble to give these 38 measures the requisite time and attention in order to vote intelligently thereon? And yet, it is the bounden duty of every voter to do so, because in the conglomerate mass there may be important measures affecting vitally all of the people of the state. A large majority of these 38 measures are ordinary matters of legislation which should have gone to the Legislature where members elected by all of the people are paid for the purpose of passing upon the merits or demerits of such measures, and who are at least supposed to be competent to render an intelligent decision thereon. And yet, we cannot expect any change in the number of measures on the ballot so long as we have an unbridled and unprotected initiative law that allows every paid propagandist, every faddist and fanatic who may be able to raise the price with which to hire an army of professional petition circulators to go forth and solicit signatures to a petition at so much per name.

What is there to prevent special interests from initiating measures containing jokers, which, if let to pass, may work untold injustice to the people of Oregon? Will the electorate of Oregon take the time and trouble to study this official pamphlet sufficiently to select the good measures from the vicious ones—the wheat from the chaff, so to speak, and pass favorably on the good ones and reject the bad ones? We say no, and to substantiate our claim we need only call attention to the fact that you may go forth today—less than two weeks before election, and consult ten business and professional men whose business and professional training has taught them to look carefully into important matters before rendering a decision thereon, and ask them if they have looked carefully into the 38 measures proposed and if they have read the 250 pages of the official pamphlet. We make the statement without fear of successful contradiction, that at least seven out of the ten will admit they have not read the pamphlet at all, and if so, have only given it a superficial glance. If such be the case with the man who is supposed to give these matters close attention, what can be expected of the busy mechanic and laboring man whose attention is centered in other directions and whose environment is all along other lines?

The remedy suggested at the present moment by some of the most prominent newspapers of the state is, "Vote 'No' on all measures unless you are sure." Not having studied the merits of the 38 measures, how can the voter be sure? If he votes "No" on all or most all the measures and all are turned down, how about the one, two or perhaps three or four meritorious measures for which there is a genuine need or demand by the people? Are they to meet the same fate as the dozens of ordinary measures which should have gone to the Legislature in the first place, or the vicious, or fanatic measures which should be turned down with a vengeance?

If we are to preserve the initiative law for the people of Oregon, both present and future, we must protect it by surrounding it with a safeguard which will prevent its misuse and abuse by those who would use it for their selfish interests to the detriment of the greater number of the people of the state.

The Majority Rule amendment will do this by driving all ordinary measures of legislation into the Legislature where they belong, and by driving the selfish and pernicious measures into oblivion where they, also, belong.

The Majority Rule amendment, if passed, will reduce the number of measures on the ballot to a sane basis by giving notice to all that a measure in order to stand a chance of passing must have real merit and that there must be an actual demand for the same, in which case there will be no difficulty at all in getting a majority to vote in favor of it.

Take the time and pains to look into the Majority Rule amendment and if you do, you will vote for it and preserve the initiative law for the people of Oregon.

Vote 322 X Yes  
323 No.

MAJORITY RULE LEAGUE  
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## Evangelical Church

The Evangelical Sunday School for the coming Sunday will be in charge of the men, who are making preparation to make it the very best day, in point of attendance, collection, and general interest, in the history of the school, and not only to make it a record breaking day as a school, but to give the general public something that will be entertaining and helpful.

The morning service and the Sunday school will be merged into one for the day and will be one continued service; the program will consist of special music both instrumental and vocal; the music of the day will be in charge of Mr. Coffin, and besides there will be a violin solo by Leon Peterson, as well as other instrumental music instead of the regular sermon there will be a short address given to the entire school. Don't fail to come, for if you do you will miss something.

The regular services will be held in the evening, K. L. C. E. at 6:30 and preaching services at 7:30 P. M.—Reporter.

An enthusiastic meeting was held in the city hall last evening. Messrs. Pease, Robinson, Hammersley and Reed addressed the large audience assembled. A glee club rendered delightful music. A number of ladies were present. The speakers vied with each other in extolling the virtues and accomplishments of Jonathan Bourne, and probably turned many votes in his direction. Lateness of the hour forbids going into details.

Here is a woman who speaks from personal knowledge and long experience, viz: Mrs. P. H. Brogan of Wilson, Pa., who says: "I know from experience that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is far superior to any other. For cough there is nothing that excels it." For sale by all dealers.

The Jobs Milling Co. is undergoing substantial alterations and improvements in making arrangements for increasing its capacity. This has been a valuable institution to the city, and our citizens will be glad to learn that its capacity is being increased.

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Rovang and three children of Madison, Minn., arrived in St. Johns Sunday, and will locate here permanently. They are relatives of Oliver Balke, whom he has not seen for seven years.

## Vote for Millage Bill Number 320 X Yes

It provides six-tenths of a mill tax for support of Agricultural College and University of Oregon, giving them permanent support and taking them out of politics. It also provides one cent of millage, thus solving the problems of co-operation, consolidation, division of sources and economy of management.

It does not increase the average rate of taxation.

It repeals the \$500,000 University appropriation bill.

The Bill is endorsed by Governor West: "This Bill is in the interest of good business and should pass."

By L. E. Alderman, State Superintendent Public Instruction: "Experience in other states shows millage bill principle to be correct."

By Will H. Daly, President, Oregon State Federation of Labor: "No argument can successfully combat the benefits to the state that will follow the adoption of the millage tax plan."

Endorsed by Portland Tax Payers League.

Bill prepared by committee of Governor's Commission, Boards of Regents, and administrative officers of the two institutions.

W. K. NEWELL  
CHAIRMAN OF GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION  
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## The Retreat From Moscow.

Napoleon's army for the invasion of Russia numbered over 400,000. Only 30,000 returned. During the retreat thousands of horses lay groaning on the route, while thousands of naked wretches were wandering like specters who seemed to have no sight or sense and who only kept reeling on till frost, famine or the Cossack lance put an end to their power of motion. In that wretched state no nourishment could have saved them. Innumerable dogs crunched by the bodies of their former masters, looking at their faces and howling their hunger and their loss. Besides their suffering from the cold and for the want of food, they were assailed on all sides, not only by Russian soldiers, but by peasants through whose country they passed. Altogether, Napoleon's retreat from Moscow was a complication of misery, of cruelty, of desolation and of disorder that can never have been exceeded in the history of mankind.

Broken China Roused Him.

When Canon Rawnsley was collecting information in the lake district about Wordsworth, he came upon an old man who had been a servant at Rydal Mount. This whilom retainer told many interesting stories.

Wordsworth, it seemed, was very absentminded. He always forgot the dinner hour.

"I'd go," the old man remarked, "to study door and hear him a-mumblin' away to 'self."

"Dinner's ready, sir, I'd ca' out, but he'd go a-mumblin' on like a deaf man, ya see. And sometimes Mrs. Wordsworth 'ad say: 'Goo and break a bottle, or let a dish fall, just outside his door in passage.' Eh, dear, that mainly was bring him out, wad that. It was nobbut that as wad, howiver. For, ya kna, he was a very careful man and he couldn't do with brekking 't china."—Pearsons.

## A Telepathic Clock.

Here is a strange yet absolutely true story, in which a clock plays a mysterious part: It was a small American timepiece which stood on a mantelpiece in a sitting room in a Liverpool builder's home. At 11:30 one morning the timepiece fell from the mantelpiece to the floor. When picked up it was found to be quite uninjured and still going, as if nothing unusual had happened. There seemed to be absolutely no reason why should have fallen, but an hour later when the builder came home to his midday meal he remarked that at 11:30 he fell from the top of a building, but happily without sustaining any injury. His wife then described how the clock had fallen at the same time and the couple ponder in vain over the curious and utterly inexplicable coincidence.—Liverpool Post.

## The Explosion of a Flower.

Sometimes the floral spathe of a great palm tree will fly open with a sound like a detonation in a mine. Such an event occurred in a botanical garden in Algiers recently. The spathe, nearly three feet long, was projected to a great distance and for some moments the head of the palm tree was wreathed with golden dust formed of the debris of the flower. The sun's heat had roasted the flower to the color of rust. The director of the garden explained the explosion as being due to a fermentation in the flower caused by the extraordinary dryness of the air. A violent stroke had just passed. In Algiers ostrich eggs explode in the same way and from a like cause.—Harper's.

## Avoiding the Doctor.

Dr. Sanderson, an old Scotch physician, was a queer character, but a clever doctor.

So roughly did he handle his patients that the ignorant were chiefly anxious to escape him. The story goes that as he was passing along the street one day a sweep rolled from the top to the bottom of a staircase outside one of the houses.

"Are you hurt?" called the doctor, running forward.

"Not a bit, doctor—not a bit," replied the man in haste. "Indeed, I feel a' the better."

## Pronunciation.

Here is a curious couplet which illustrates in one sentence the various values of the combination "ough" and shows how strikingly inconsistent are the spelling and pronunciation of some English words. The lines may be supposed to be the words of an invalid who had a strong will and was determined to live in spite of his ailment: Though the tough cough and hiccup ploughed me through, Yet o'er life's lough my course I will pursue.

## The Great Difficulty.

"One half the world's happiness is solved when a person learns to mind his own business."

"Yes, but it's the other half that causes the most trouble."

"What's that?"

"Getting other people to mind theirs."—Home Notes.

## The Difference.

Tell a woman her face is her fortune and she is complimented. Hint to a man that his cheek is his most valuable asset and he is likely to get mad.—Chicago Record-Herald.

## No Guessing.

Amateur Palmist—I think you are going to be married twice. Young Lady—You think? Well, I'd rather you were sure I was going to be married once.—Boston Transcript.

Adversity borrows its sharpest wing from our impatience.—Horne.

Sick headache is caused by a disordered stomach. Take Chamberlain's Tablets and correct that and the headache will disappear. For sale by all druggists.

CHICKEN PIE.—In Holbrook Building. The Ladies Aid of the Methodist Church will serve dinner on election day Nov. 5, and a chicken pie supper on the same date.

## Why He Got to the Mosque First.

There is a Turkish legend to the effect that if a man prays seven consecutive mornings alone in the mosque for good luck it will come. Near St. Sophia mosque, Constantinople, a poor man lived who tried to carry out the injunction, but when he knelt, to his chagrin, he always saw another man who had arrived first. The fourth morning he could restrain himself no longer and cried out: "What is the secret of your getting to the mosque first? I get up early and lose no time." The other man asked, "How many wives have you?" When he answered "One" the fortunate man said: "You can never get to the mosque earlier than I, for I have four wives. When I wake up one brings me my clothes, another gets my shoes, a third prepares my bath, and the fourth cooks breakfast. The result is I lose no time. Now, my friend, go at once and marry three other wives, and you will know the secret of my arriving first at the mosque."

The poor Turk followed the advice, and very soon he knew why the man with four wives got to the mosque first—he stayed there in preference to staying at home.

## The Ashes of the Dead.

James Russell Lowell was a great favorite in the literary circles of London. On one occasion at a large banquet the peculiarities of American speech were discussed with English bluntness. Lord S. called to Mr. Lowell loudly, so as to silence all other speakers:

"There is one new expression invented by your countrymen so foolish and vulgar as to be unpardonable. They talk of the 'ashes of the dead.' We don't burn corpses. No Englishman would use a phrase so absurd."

"And yet," said Mr. Lowell gently, "your poet Gray says, speaking of the dead: 'E'en in our ashes live their wonted fires.' And in the burial services of the church of England it is said, 'Dust to dust and ashes to ashes.' We sin in good company." A cordial burst of applause greeted this prompt rejoinder.

## London English.

The English language is merely a small collection of slang words, business terms and oaths. It has become, indeed, very little less distinguished than the language of the Kaffir, who expresses himself by clicking his tongue against the roof of his mouth. "Har-ya?" to take one instance, now stands in the dictionary of London and country house English for "How do you do?" "Goomore," to take another, may be translated as meaning "Good morning." Today when a person wishes to convey the fact that his condition of health leaves something to be desired, he says that he is "absolutely rotten." If, on the contrary, he feels particularly well and happy, he declares that he is "fullerbeans."—Impertinent Reflections, by Cosmo Hamilton.

## The Medics.

The Medoc Indians—there were only a few hundred of them—were removed from their old habitat in the Oregon country by the government. Not liking the change, they returned to their old home, and under their able leader "Captain Jack," defeated the troops sent to expel them in 1873. During the negotiations for a settlement they decoyed the United States commissioners into an ambush (April 11) and massacred General Canby and some forty others. Fighting followed, and the Indians retreated to an almost impregnable position. They were finally surrounded and after a brave resistance surrendered. "Captain Jack" was captured, tried in June, 1873, and executed Oct. 3.—Exchange.

## Cure For Insomnia.

A widely known New York clubman whose family is known to take earnest exception to his late hours recently encountered his physician on the street.

"How are you feeling these days?" asked the medic.

"Very well, indeed, thank you," replied the clubman, "but I'm a bit worried about my wife, doctor. She suffers dreadfully from insomnia. I have been on the point for some time of consulting you about her case. What would you suggest?"

"You might try getting home earlier," observed the physician.

## Different Times.

Sarasate once found his memory deserting him at a recital, but he discovered the reason of the mishap in time to prevent a failure. A lady was fawning herself in the front row of the stalls. The violinist stopped playing. "Madam," he said, "how can I play in two-four time when you are beating six-eight?" The lady shut up her fan, and the recital was concluded successfully.

## Just the Opposite.

"And you are going to have the hero and heroine of your story 'live happily forever after?'"

"No, just the opposite."

"Just the opposite? How so?"

"I'm going to have them marry one another."—Houston Post.

## Briefly Speaking.

Lady (to returned missionary)—And how was the king of the savages clothed? Missionary—H'm, principally with authority, madam, and not much of that.—McCall's Magazine.

## The Worst.

"Doctor, I must positively insist upon knowing the worst."

"Well, I think my bill will be about \$100."

Nothing can bring you peace but the triumph of principle.—Emerson.

## REVIEW'S LEGAL BLANKS

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If elected, I will give personal attention to the duties of the office. You will find me on the job all the time.

Under my administration the County Assessor's office will be an open book to the taxpayers. It is your office and you have the right to know how it is conducted.

I believe in tax laws that will give the little man a square deal. My slogan, which was printed after my name on the ballot in the Spring Primaries, is "LIFT THE TAX BURDEN FROM THE WAGE EARNER AND HOME OWNER."

I believe in economy in public expense, but not in parsimony. We cannot tax ourselves rich, but we can tax ourselves poor.

I believe that public officials owe the people a dollar's worth of service for each dollar of pay they receive. Such will be my policy in the County Assessor's office if I am elected on November 5.

I am a taxpayer, and pay taxes on real and personal property.

I am opposed to single tax. It means confiscation of homes and farms.

## HENRY E. REED

REPUBLICAN NOMINEE

No. 161 on the Official Ballot

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